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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

DAVID RAAB ET AL. Confirmation No.: 2327

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OPTIMIZING A NUCLEOTIDE

SEQUENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSION OF A PROTEIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Any fee not covered by a check accompanying this paper and necessary for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment response may be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-2613.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: Reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks: Begin on page 11 of this paper.